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SUBJECT: DEATH VLADIMIR LIUBENOV STOIKOV

FOR MRS. GABRIELE STOIKOV 301 CAYUGA HEIGHTS ROAD ITHACA, NEW YORK 14850

- 1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, VLADIMIR LIUBENOV STOIKOV. THE GERMAN CRIMINAL POLICE INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT BERLIN ON AUGUST 3, 1976, THAT HE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT AT GELFERTSTRASSE 37 AT 10:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 3, 1976.
- 2. YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY PROF. FRITZ SCHARPF.
- 3. AUTOPSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY CRIMINAL POLICE.
- 4. SHOULD YOU NOT IMMEDIATELY BE RETURNING TO BERLIN THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
- 5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST \$2100. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD COST \$160. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS

\$709.00 TO \$1420.00. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$591.00 TO \$1380.00. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, BERLIN, GERMANY AND INCLUDE THE ANME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS BERLIN VIA AMERICAN EXPRESS NEW YORK PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL BERLIN.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

- 7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY (IF CREMATED 30 60 DAYS) 8 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL X FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.
- 8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 819-7465 IN BERLIN.
- 9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMCONSUL BERLIN, GERMANY GEORGE

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